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Marlene H. Dortch
Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: *Connect America Fund II Report and Order and Order on Reconsideration, WC
Docket No. 10-90, WC Docket No. 14-58***

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On April 25, 2017, Hughes Network Systems, LLC (“Hughes”) met with Commissioner Mignon Clyburn and wireless, international, and public safety advisor, Daudeline Meme, to discuss Hughes’s most recent filings in the above-referenced proceeding.¹ Hughes was represented by Pradman Kaul, President and CEO; Dean A. Manson, Executive Vice President, General Counsel, and Secretary; Paul Gaske, Executive Vice President, HNS North America; David Zatloukal, Executive Vice President, Products and Services; Jennifer A. Manner, Senior Vice President, Regulatory Affairs; and Jodi Goldberg, Associate Corporate Counsel, Regulatory Affairs.

In the meeting Hughes reiterated the concerns it raised in its Petition for Reconsideration in the above mentioned proceeding: namely, that the FCC should follow the principle of technology neutrality to ensure that all platforms, including satellite broadband, are able to compete and meet the important needs of consumers. This is not a call to treat all technologies as equals – that apportionment of spectrum should be divided equally among technologies – but rather that the platforms should be granted adequate access to the spectrum resource to enable them to compete with other platforms based on the strengths of the technology itself within a given market segment. Satellite broadband competes on the important attributes of coverage, cost and availability for consumers across the United States, and thus provides an important competitive alternative to fiber for broadband services.

Pursuant to the Commission’s rules, this notice is being filed in the above-referenced docket for inclusion in the public record. Please contact me should you have any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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¹ See Petition for Reconsideration of Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Apr. 19, 2017); Ex parte of Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Feb. 14, 2017); Reply Comments of Hughes Network Systems, LLC (Aug. 8, 2015).
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